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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This Listing of the Claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of processing spread spectrum waveforms transmitted by a plurality of users of a spread spectrum system, comprising:
distributing among a plurality of logic units parallel tasks each for computing a portion of a matrix indicative of cross correlations among the waveforms transmitted by the users,
partitioning computation of the cross-correlation matrix such that a computational load associated with a task distributed to one of said logic units is substantially equal to computational load associated with another task distributed to another logic unit,
executing with the plurality of logic units the distributed tasks,
generating detection statistics corresponding to symbols transmitted by the users and encoded in the waveforms as a function of the cross correlation matrix, and generating estimates of the symbols based on the detection statistics.

2-4. (Canceled)

~~2~~ 5. (Original) The method of claim ~~3~~, further comprising the step of defining a metric associated with each partition in accord with the relation:

$$B_i = A_i - A_{i-1}$$

wherein

A_i represents an area of a portion of the cross-correlation matrix corresponding to the i th partition, and

i represents an index corresponding to the number of logic units.

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~~3~~ 6. (Original) The method of claim ~~5~~², further comprising the step of representing the cross-correlation matrix as a composition of a rectangular component and a triangular component.

~~4~~ 7. (Original) The method of claim ~~6~~³, wherein each area A_i includes a first portion corresponding to the rectangular component and a second portion corresponding to the triangular component of the cross-correlation matrix.

~~5~~ 8. (Original) The method of claim ~~7~~⁴, wherein the step of partitioning the matrix includes selecting the matrix associated with the partitions to be substantially equal.

~~6~~ 9. (Original) The method of claim ~~8~~³, wherein the cross-correlation matrix is computed as a composition of a first component that represents correlations among time lags and code sequences associated with the waveforms transmitted by the users and a second component that represents correlations among multipath signal amplitudes associated with the waveforms transmitted by the users.

~~7~~ 10. (Currently Amended) A method of processing spread spectrum waveforms transmitted by a plurality of users of a spread spectrum system, comprising
partitioning computation of a matrix representing cross-correlations among the waveforms transmitted by the users in accord with a pre-defined metric,
distributing among a plurality of logic units parallel tasks each corresponding to one of said partitions for computing a portion of the matrix,
executing with the plurality of logic units the distributed tasks,
assembling said computed portions to generate the cross-correlation matrix, and
representing the cross-correlation matrix as a composition of a first component that represents correlations among time lags and code sequences associated with the waveforms transmitted by the users and a second component that represents correlations among multipath signal amplitudes associated with the waveforms transmitted by the users,
generating detection statistics corresponding to symbols transmitted by the users and encoded in the waveforms as a function of the cross correlation matrix, and

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estimating the symbols based on the detection statistics.

11. (Canceled)

~~8~~ 12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim ~~10~~, wherein the step of partitioning comprises defining the metric in accord with the relation:

$$B_i = A_i - A_{i-1}$$

wherein

A_i represents an area of a portion of the cross-correlation matrix corresponding to the i th partition, and

i represents an index corresponding to the number of logic units.

13-15. (Canceled)

~~9~~ 16. (Currently Amended) A method of processing spread spectrum waveforms transmitted by a plurality of users of a spread spectrum system, comprising
partitioning computation of a matrix representing cross-correlations among the waveforms transmitted by the users in accord with a pre-defined metric,
distributing among a plurality of logic units parallel tasks each corresponding to one of said partitions for computing a portion of the matrix,
executing with the plurality of logic units the distributed tasks,
assembling said computed portions to generate the cross-correlation matrix, and
representing the cross-correlation matrix as a composition of a first component that represents correlations among time lags and code sequences associated with the waveforms transmitted by the users and a second component that represents correlations among multipath signal amplitudes associated with the waveforms transmitted by the users,
generating detection statistics corresponding to symbols transmitted by the users and encoded in the waveforms as a function of the cross correlation matrix, and
generating estimates of the symbols based on the detection statistics

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wherein correlations among the code sequences associated with the respective users are computed in accord with the relation:

$$\Gamma_{lk}[m] = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} c_l^*[n] \cdot c_k[n-m]$$

wherein

$\Gamma_{lk}[m]$ represents correlation between l and k user codes corresponding to a shift of m chips,

$c_l^*[n]$ represents complex conjugate of the code sequences associated with the l^{th} user,

$c_k[n-m]$ represents the code sequences associated with k^{th} user,

N represents the length of the code, and

N_l represent the number of non-zero length of the code.

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~~17.~~ (Original) The method of claim ~~16~~, further comprising the step of computing the first component of the cross correlation matrix as a matrix component (herein referred to as C matrix) in accord with the relation:

$$C_{l_{pq}}[m] = \sum_m g[mN_c + \tau] \cdot \Gamma_{lk}[m]$$

wherein

g is a pulse shape vector,

N_c is the number of samples per chip,

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τ is a time lag, and

$\Gamma_{1k}[m]$ represents correlation between 1 and k user codes corresponding to a shift
 of m chips,

~~11~~ 18. (Original) The method of claim ~~17~~, further comprising the step of computing the cross-correlation matrix (herein referred to as r matrix) in accord with the relation:

$$r_{ik}[m] = \sum_{m=1}^L \sum_{k=1}^K \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \hat{a}_{ik}^* a_{ik} \cdot C_{ik}[m] \right\} = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ a_i^H \cdot C_{ik}[m] \cdot a_k \right\}$$

wherein

\hat{a}_{ik}^* is an estimate of a_{ik}^* , which represents a complex conjugate of one multipath
 amplitude component of the i^{th} user,

a_{ik} is one multipath amplitude component associated with the k^{th} user, and

C denotes the aforesaid C matrix.

~~12~~ 19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the step of generating detection statistics
 comprises computing the detection statistics in accord with the relation:

$$y_i[m] = r_{ii}[0]b_i[m] + \sum_{k=1}^K r_{ik}[-1]b_k[m+1] + \sum_{k=1}^K [r_{ik}[0] - r_{ii}[0]\delta_{ik}]b_k[m] + \sum_{k=1}^K r_{ik}[1]b_k[m-1] + \eta_i[m]$$

wherein

$y_i[m]$ represents detection statistic for the m^{th} symbol transmitted by the i^{th}
 user,

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$r_u[0]b_i[m]$ represents a signal of interest, and
remaining terms of the relations represent Multiple Access Interference (MAI)
and noise.

~~13~~ 20. (Original) The method of claim ~~19~~, wherein the step of generating symbol estimates
comprises computing the estimates in accord with the relation:

$$\hat{b}_i[m] = \text{sign} \left\{ y_i[m] - \sum_{k=1}^{N_c} r_{ik}[-1] \hat{b}_k[m+1] - \sum_{k=1}^{N_c} [r_{ik}[0] - r_{ik}[0]\delta_{ik}] \hat{b}_k[m] - \sum_{k=1}^{N_c} r_{ik}[1] \hat{b}_k[m-1] \right\}$$

wherein

$\hat{b}_i[m]$ represents an estimate of the m th symbol transmitted by the i th user,

g is a pulse shape vector,

N_c is the number of samples per chip,

τ is a time lag, and

Γ represents the Γ matrix.

21. (Canceled)